GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DEEMED UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name and number of Deemed Universities functioning presently in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to allow more Deemed Universities in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of proposals received for setting up of New Deemed University in the various parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(e) the number of proposals cleared during the said period and the number of proposals still pending for clearance, State-wise; and

(f) the time by when the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): A statement showing the number and names of institutions deemed to be universities, state-wise, is placed at Annexure -I.

(b) & (c): Institutions are declared deerned-to-be-universities by the Central Government on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) undsv Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The proposals received in this regard are referred to the UGC for its recommendations to the Central Government. The Central Government examines the recommendations of the UGC on merits and subsequently declares the institutions as deemed-to-be-universities by a notification in the official gazette. This is an on-going process and depends on receipt of applications and the merit therein.

(d) to (f): A statement in this regard is placed at Annexure - II. The process includes inspection of the institutions by an Expert Committee of the UGC, obtaining views of the State Governments, obtaining fNo Objection` from the affiliating universities, obtaining concurrence of statutory professional councils/regulatory bodies, consideration of the recommendations of the Expert Committee of the UGC by the full Commission of the UGC, etc. The process is laborious and time consuming and no specific time frame can be prescribed for clearing the proposals.